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SUBJECT:FUKUDA LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA TO PRESIDENT CARTER DATED JULY 29 SENT BY DIRECT LINE TO WHITE HOUSE. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS.

YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE TOKAI RE-PROCESSING FACILITY IS REASSURING. I AM EAGER TO JOIN YOU IN OUR COMMON EFFORTS OF FINDING A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD ACCOMMODATE THE BASIC POSITIONS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I ALSO HOPE THAT, IN FORMULATING A U.S. POSITION FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE FINDINGS OF THE RECENT JOINT STUDY, YOU WOULD TAKE INTO FULL CONSIDERATION THE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO JAPAN OF INITIATING THE OPERATION OF THE FACILITY IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. ON MY

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PART, I ASSURE YOU THAT THE JAPANESE SIDE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET WITH YOUR NON-PROLIFERATION CONCERN.

MR. PRESIDENT, I SHALL BE VISITING THE FIVE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF ASEAN AND BURMA FROM NEXT WEEK-END ON. THE POST-VIETNAM SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA DOES NOT YET WARRANT OPTIMISM.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE EFFORTS ON THE PART OF ASEAN COUNTRIES FOR STRENGTHENING THEIR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RESILIENCE AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENCOURAGE SUCH EFFORTS, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF INDOCHINA ARE REGARDED AS A POTENTIALLY DESTABILIZING FACTOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THESE COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BECOME A REAL THREAT IN THE FUTURE. THROUGH MY VISIT, I WISH TO CONTRIBUTE, WITH THIS RECOGNITION IN MIND, TO INSURING PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN THIS REGION. BEING COGNIZANT OF YOUR STATED POSITION THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD REMAIN AN ASIAN AND PACIFIC POWER, ANY COMMENT OR ADVICE YOU MAY HAVE CONCERNING MY VISIT WOULD BE MOST WELCOMED. SINCERY, TAKEO FUKUDA. UNQUOTE.

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